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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following new line:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, lines 4 to 6 should read:

Further features and advantages of the invention will be obvious from the following description and from the drawings to which reference is made.

On page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following new line:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following new line:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 5 to 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A security system for identity and authorization checking in a protected communication environment, comprising:
- a chip card reader in the format of a PC card;
 - a chip card having personal data stored thereon;
 - a fingerprint sensor which is coupled to the chip card reader;

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